



# News Release

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## **State disciplines health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

### **Asotin County**

In October 2009 the Nursing Commission released registered nurse **Sam Olson** (RN00056815) from terms and conditions set against his license.

### **Benton County**

In November 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program granted the application of **Patricia G. Mendez** (HC00155215) and placed her license on probation for two years. She was convicted of resisting arrest, and driving while under the influence. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

### **Chelan County**

In November 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Jennie Eileen Bondurant** (RC60100054) and placed her registration on probation for two years. She was convicted of malicious mischief on more than one occasion, assault – domestic violence, theft, driving under the influence, and violation of a domestic violence no contact order. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

### **Cowlitz County**

In November 2009 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Steven M. Morrison** (CO60115692) and placed his certification on probation for three years. He was convicted of PC-battery, assault, taking the identity of another, identity theft, and forgery. He must comply with terms on his certification.

### **Grant County**

In November 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program charged **Rebecca J. Pesta** (HC60011950) with unprofessional conduct. Her certification to practice as a nursing assistant was suspended for two years.

### **King County**

In November 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Robert C. Greer** (RC60090213) and placed his registration on probation for two years. He was convicted of delivery of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, possession of cocaine on more than one occasion, escape, and misprision of a felony. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In November 2009 the Nursing Commission granted the application of registered nurse **Kathleen R. Swan** (RN60077508) and placed conditions against her license. Her license to practice as a registered nurse, and licensed practical nurse were placed on probation by the Ohio Board of Nursing. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

### **Lewis County**

In November 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Claire Catherine Ellis** (NA60071548). She agreed to relinquish her licenses to practice as a registered nurse in Florida and Connecticut. She failed to disclose the actions on her application. She can't reapply for three years.

In November 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the applications of certified nursing assistant **Alicia Ann Oleachea** (NA60077368, NC60073141). She was convicted of theft.

### **Pierce County**

In November 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the certification of certified nursing assistant **Katrina G. Allen** (NC10087230) and placed it on probation for five years. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In November 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Kristen M. Carrara-McDonald** (NC10044285) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly entered patients'

rooms and took controlled substances without their permission. She entered into a deferred sentence for unlawful solicitation to possess a controlled substance.

In October 2009 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacist **Jennifer M. Gray** (PH00019102) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly stole controlled substances from her place of employment, consumed the drugs, and worked while using the drugs.

In August 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Neal Randal Holt** (RC60066637) and placed his registration on probation for three years. He was convicted of possession of heroin, theft, and possession of a controlled substance. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In November 2009 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Roneathe R. Lee** (D160097127) and placed her registration on probation for five years. She failed to disclose convictions of driving under the influence, assault, criminal trespass – domestic violence, and domestic violence misdemeanor violation of a court order. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In October 2009 the Board of Pharmacy reinstated the license of pharmacy technician **Peggy A. McClure** (VA00021084).

### **Skagit County**

In November 2009 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Tressa A. Cox** (LP00051817) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In November 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the applications of certified nursing assistant **Ijeoma F. Kalu** (NA60028755, NC60041434). She entered into a diversion program for theft, and failed to disclose the conviction on her application. She can't reapply for two years.

### **Spokane County**

In October 2009 the Nursing Commission reinstated the licenses of licensed practical nurse and registered nurse **Pennie S. O'Brien** (LP00047456, RN00129459), also known as Pennie S. Robinson, and placed her licenses on probation. She must comply with conditions on her licenses.

### **Thurston County**

In November 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program amended the statement of charges against certified nursing assistant **Jerome C. Martin** (NC10017603). He was convicted of malicious mischief – domestic violence.

## **Out of State**

**Iowa:** In November 2009 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **Jeffrey V. Kopp** (CH00001842) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of conspiracy to commit money laundering and conspiracy to distribute, and possession with intent to distribute 1,000 kilograms or more of marijuana.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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